

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2146, Defending Public Safety Employees' Retirement Act.

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1295, Trade Preferences Extension Act, with an amendment.

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 19, Adjournment Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4557–S4617*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-two bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1655–1676, S. Res. 211–213, and S. Con. Res. 19.

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#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016". (S. Rept. No. 114–72)

S. 282, to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–71)

H.R. 728, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7050 Highway BB in Cedar Hill, Missouri, as the "Sergeant First Class William B. Woods, Jr. Post Office".

H.R. 891, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Paloma Drive in Floresville, Texas, as the "Floresville Veterans Post Office Building".

H.R. 1326, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the "Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office".

H.R. 1350, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 East 167th Street in Bronx, New York, as the "Herman Badillo Post Office Building".

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#### Measures Passed:

**Condemning the Attack in South Carolina:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 212, condemning the attack on Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, and expressing encouragement and prayers for all affected by this evil assault.

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**Revoking the Charter of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma:** Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 533, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and the bill was then passed.

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**Adjournment Resolution:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 19, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

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#### House Messages:

**Defending Public Safety Employees' Retirement Act House Message:** By 60 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 219) Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2146, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, after taking action on the following motion and amendment proposed thereto:

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#### Withdrawn:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Amendment No. 2060 (to the House

Amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill), to change the enactment date. **Page S4582**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

McConnell Amendment No. 2061 (to Amendment No. 2060), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Amendment No. 2060 (listed above) was withdrawn. **Page S4582**

**Trade Preferences Extension Act:** Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1295, to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, with McConnell/Hatch Amendment No. 2065 (to the House Amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill), in the nature of a substitute, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4583–84**

Withdrawn:

McConnell Amendment No. 2066 (to Amendment No. 2065), to change the enactment date. **Page S4584**

McConnell motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2067, to change the enactment date. **Page S4584**

McConnell Amendment No. 2068 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2067), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4584**

McConnell Amendment No. 2069 (to Amendment No. 2068), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4584**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 76 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 220), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell/Hatch Amendment No. 2065 (to the House Amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill) (listed above). **Page S4583**

**Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act:** Senate continued consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 644, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Hatch, Cornyn, Thune, Isakson, Wyden, Schumer, and Stabenow. **Pages S4584, S4608**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture motion relative to McConnell motion to insist upon the Senate amendment, request a conference with the House of Representatives, and authorize the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees, be withdrawn. **Page S4583**

**Every Child Achieves Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, Senate begin consideration of S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves. **Page S4608**

**Stoll Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Kara Farnandez Stoll, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit; that Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S4608**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Nancy Bikoff Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia. **Pages S4584–95, S4617**

Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland. **Pages S4584–95, S4617**

Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan. **Pages S4584–95, S4617**

Anne Elizabeth Wall, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S4584–95, S4617**

Gregory T. Delawie, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo. **Pages S4584–95, S4617**

Ian C. Kelly, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Georgia. **Pages S4584–95, S4617**

Julieta Valls Noyes, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia. **Pages S4584–95, S4617**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Kenneth J. Kopocis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Janet Garvin McCabe, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S4612–17**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—220)	Pages S4582, S4583

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 9:50 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4610.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### THE FAIRNESS FOR CRIME VICTIMS ACT OF 2015

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1495, to curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund to inflate spending.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1647, to amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs, with amendments.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 607, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program;

S. 1349, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals;

S. 1461, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2015;

S. 313, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of pro-

viders allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare;

S. 1253, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of certain disposable medical technologies under the Medicare program;

S. 1347, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use;

S. 704, to establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible Medicare beneficiaries;

S. 1362, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify waiver authority regarding programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE programs);

S. 861, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs;

S. 349, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to empower individuals with disabilities to establish their own supplemental needs trusts;

S. 466, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives; and

S. 599, to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

### WMD NEGOTIATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine lessons learned from past WMD negotiations, after receiving testimony from William Tobey, and Graham T. Allison, both of Harvard University Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1629, to revise certain authorities of the District of Columbia courts, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia;

S. 1576, to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees;

S. 742, to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1550, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish entities tasked with improving program and project management in certain Federal agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;